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Fire Restrictions and Closures for Fort Apache Reservation

[Whiteriver, AZ]— “Although the rains are coming,” Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe explained, “there are still many dry areas in the forest and people still need to be especially careful with fire. Today the White Mountain Apache Tribal Chairman lifted the executive order limiting public access (Temporary Closure Executive Order No. 06-2006-02) on the Fort Apache Reservation. Fire restrictions banning all campfires that produce charcoal or ash throughout the reservation including recreation areas and designated campsites remain in place until further notice..

Tribal members may obtain permits from the White Mountain Apache Fire and Rescue Department for burning associated with wakes, dances and other community and ceremonial events and branding of cattle. No burning is allowed on “Red Flag Days” or without a permit.

Smoking tobacco outside of communities and populated areas is banned, except in vehicles. No matches or cigarette butts can be disposed of on the ground.

Woodcutters and industrial operations including timber and thinning must follow all Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Apache Fire Management Division regulations and fire safety inspections. For more information or to report a forest fire please call the Fire Management Dispatch Office at 928-338-5326.

Questions about Restrictions and Closures shall be directed to the BIA Fire Management Office at (928)338-5326.

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